TNEB doing the period April-June, 1993 was 22.62 lakh tonces (provisional).

(b) It is learnt that Tamil Nadu Electricity Board have floated tenders for import of coal.

(c) Coal India Ltd. and Singareni Colliries Company Ltd. have been meeting the full requirements of Power Houses (as per assessment of CEA) in the country during the last two years. In view of the significant improvement in despatches of indigenous coal, the coal companies are confident of supplying the required quantity of coal to TNEB. Ministry of Coal is of the view that presently there is no need for import of coal by any of the Power Utilities. The coal stock position of almost all power stations is quite comfortable and in fact some power station have started regulating recepits of coal to check their Inventory costs.

Child labour in carpet industry

39. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned as amount of Rs. 65 lakh to monitor the exploitation of child labour in the carpet industry in Varanasi, Mirzapur and Sonabhadra districts;

(b) if so, what are the details of result achieved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that certain buyers have threatened to boycott in case the exploitation of child labour in the carpet industry is not stopped and that the carpet manufacturers are requestion Government to extend some provisions of the Factories Act; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Informations is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of Act on Child Labour

40. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports which indicate that the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 is not being effectively implemented;

(b) what legislative and administrative measures are under Government's consideration to strengthen the enforcement machinery; and

(c) what time-frame Government have in view for the total eradication of the practice of child labour in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Government are aware that violations of the provisions of the CL(P&R) Act do occur. Stricter enforcement is sought to be achieved through monitoring of action taken by competent authorities, review of the adequacy of legal provisions, strengethening and training of enforcement machinery.

(c) Since the problem of Child Labour has its roots in the socio-economic conditions prevailing in the country, setting up of a specific time frome for total eradication of child labour has not been considered practicable.

Group 'D' vacant posts in ESI Hospital

41. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a good number of Group 'D' posts (Peon) are lying vacant in ESI Hospital, Basai Darapur, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchanges are awaiting for their interviews/selections: and

(d) if so, by when all selection formalities will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Meeting with industries employing Child Labour

42. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convene a meeting of employers in the bidi, glass and carpet industries which employ child labour on a large scale:

(b) if so, whether the main purpose of this meeting is to seek their support in eliminating the practice of child labour;

(c) if so, whether any similar meeting of State Governments was also held;

(d) if so, what were the outcome of the talks held; and

(e) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be reached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A meeting has already been held on 2nd July, 1993.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The employers assured support to the govt. programmes for tacking the problem of child labour and endorsed the proposal for payment of uniform minimum wages to adults and children. Employers Organisations further expressed their willingness to take up industry specific projects for the welfare of child labour.

Minimum wages for child labour

43. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the children below the age of 14 years working as bounded labour in the country, especially in the State of Gujarat;

(b) whether these bonded children are paid minimum wages as per Minimum Wages Act, 1948;

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the action taken and proposed to be taken by Government to free and rehabilitate these bonded child abour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Information has been called for from the concerned State Govts. and will be laid on the Table of the House.

उत्तर प्रदेश में श्रम न्यायालय में लंम्बित मामले

44. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में विभिन्न श्रम न्यायालयों में कुल कितने मामले लंबित हैं:

(ख) वहां लंबित पड़े पुराने मामलों का ब्यौरा क्या है और ये कब से लंबित पड़े हैं ; और